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Middletown Students Graduate with High Marks

Middletown: On June 23, the Middletown School District graduated over 800 students from its two high schools. The students have distinguished themselves both academically and athletically. Middletown's athletic teams won the state title in softball and conference titles in ice hockey and field hockey; they produced individual champions in track and wrestling. Students performed superiorly in extra-curricular competitions including, but not limited to, Mock Trial, Model United Nations, Future Business Leaders of America, Academic Team and Math and Science Leagues.

Approximately 90% of the class of 2009 will be attending colleges and universities throughout the United States. Some examples of the over 150 institutes of higher learning the class of 2009 selected include: Boston College, Columbia, Cornell, Embry-Riddle Aeronautic University, Lehigh University, New York University, Princeton University, Rutgers University, The College of New Jersey, The United States Naval Academy, Villanova University and Wesleyan University. Between both high schools, the class of 2009 amassed over \$3.4 million in academic scholarship money to help defray the cost of college.

The class of 2009 included 12 commended merit scholars—students who score within the top 1-4% on the PSAT/SAT in a given year. Additionally, 45 were honored as Bloustein Scholars. (A Bloustein Scholar must be in the top 10% of their class and have achieved a combined SAT score of 1260 in critical reading and math.)

Most notably, this year experienced a very high number of members in Middletown's 700 and 800 clubs. That is, students who scored at least a 700 to an 800 in any portion of the SAT exams or SAT II subject tests. So many students were commended for this extraordinary accomplishment at a recent Board of Education meeting that they could barely fit within the camera's lenses. In all, the 2008-2009 school year recorded 11 students who received a perfect 800 score and 83 who achieved scores between 700 and 800!

Middletown Superintendent Karen Bilbao remarks about the class of 2009. "We are very proud of our graduates for all their accomplishments and wish them well to continue their success at college, in the work place, in service to our country and as productive members of our society."



At a recent Middletown Board of Education meeting, students were honored for scoring 700-800 on SATs and SAT II Tests. Pictured are just a percentage of the total 83 students who earned Board commendations for this feat during the 2008-2009 school year.